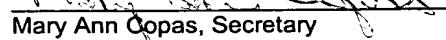




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Applicant : Yungwrei Chen et al
Filed : December 4, 2001
For : ENERGY ATTENUATION APPARATUS FOR A CONDUIT
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ENERGY IN A CONDUIT
TC/A.U. : 3752
Examiner : James F. Hook

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PETITION AND FEE FOR ONE-MONTH TIME EXTENSION

Sir:

With reference to the above-identified application, and pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a), applicant hereby respectfully requests that this application be granted a one-month time extension to December 13, 2004 (Monday).

This request for time extension is filed concurrently with an **Office Action** **amendment.**

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17, a check for \$120.00 is enclosed. It is requested that any fees required or any shortages in any fees due, now or at any time during the examination of this application, be charged to Deposit Account 02-1653.

Respectfully submitted,



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